



962 Chamberlain Highway

1868

William T Sloper (1893-1955) & Helen Tallmadge (1885-1967)

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Berlin Historical Society: possibly and older home. See 1867 Berlin map.

See 1855 map: Ira Kent (1802-1879) living in area by 1830. His father was John Kent (ca1776-1842).

Both men with their families are buried in Blue Hills (South Burying Ground)

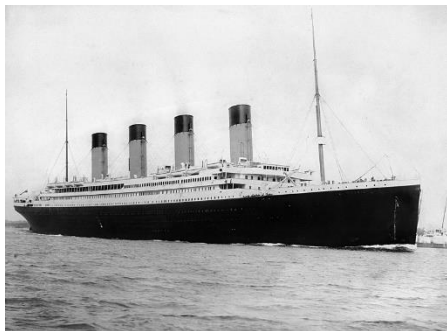
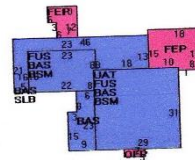
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1868 present owners: Sarah Kowalczyk

Sketch

Genealogy

William Thompson Sloper (1883-1955) was the son of Andrew Jackson Sloper & Ella Thompson. William Sloper was a passenger on the Titanic as a first class passenger. He was encouraged to board one of the first lifeboats (#7) when his dining companion insisted. On April 14, 1912, he survived the sinking of the Titanic. Stories in town persist that the fence surrounding the house was because of the notoriety of surviving the Titanic. In 1915 he married Helen Tallmadge (1885-1967). Helen had 3 daughters. He died in 1955 at age 71 and is buried in Fairlawn Cemetery in New Britain.



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



William Thomson Sloper (December 13, 1883 – May 1, 1955) was an American stockbroker and survivor of the sinking of the RMS *Titanic*. Sloper, who was 28 when the *Titanic* sank, traveled as a first-class passenger and was saved after boarding lifeboat # 7, the first to be launched from the vessel.

Titanic

Sloper was born in New Britain, CT, son of Andrew Jackson Sloper and Ella Thomson Sloper.

In April 1912, he was returning to the United States after a three-month vacation in Europe. The stockbroker and estate manager planned to travel on board the RMS *Mauretania*. However, while still in Europe, he met the Canadian family of Mark Fortune and became very fond of his daughter Alice, prompting him to cancel his tickets aboard the *Mauretania* and purchase tickets for the maiden voyage of the *Titanic*.

On the night of the sinking, Sloper was playing bridge with other men when the *Titanic* struck an iceberg and began to sink. At first, he didn't pay much attention to the turmoil on deck but as time passed he decided to leave the room and go up to deck. Since he thought that the *Titanic* was "unsinkable", he first refused to leave, but ultimately gave in after insistence by actress Dorothy Gibson who urged him to go with her aboard lifeboat #7. He would credit her with saving his life after the disaster. on

On April 19, 1912, one day after arriving in New York City on board the RMS *Carpathia*, a tabloid newspaper identified him as one of the passengers who had dressed in women's clothing to get their spot in the lifeboats. Sloper would spend the rest of his life denying the accusations.^[1]

Life after the Titanic

After the disaster, Sloper became a managing partner of a private investment firm.

He married Helen Tallmadge Lindenberg on February 26, 1915 in Columbus, Ohio and brought up her three daughters from a previous marriage.

William Sloper died on 1 May 1955.

Owner of Record	Book/ Page	Sale Date	Sale Price
KOWALCZYK SARAH P	714/ 296	8/18/2015	0
KOWALCZYK SARAH P & ROBERT P	578/ 354	11/21/2006	423000
STEWART MARGARET L	472/ 760	5/30/2002	0
LABIENIEC MARGARET K	392/ 361	4/28/1997	185000

Street Index	8
Acreage	1.1
Utilities	Water, Gas, Septic
Lot Setting/Desc	Level, Rolling
Additional Info	

Sketch

Year Built	1868
Stories	2
Building Style	Colonial
Building Use	Residential
Building Condition	G
Interior Floors 1	Carpet
Interior Floors 2	
Total Rooms	12

Bedrooms	5 Bedrooms
Full Bathrooms	3
Half Bathrooms	0
Extra Fixtures	
Bath Style	Average
Kitchen Style	Average
Roof Style	Hip
Roof Cover	Asph/F Gls/Cmp
Fireplaces	2

Exterior Walls	Vinyl Siding
Exterior Walls 2	
Interior Walls	Drywall
Interior Walls 2	
Heating Type	Hot Water
Heating Fuel	Gas/Oil
AC Type	None
Fin Basement Area	
Fin Basement Class	